

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

We welcome you to the church of Christ that meets at Camden Avenue.

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December is
SACK THE PULPIT
to restock the church pantry.



- Any dry cereal
- Pancake mix/syrup
 - Soups
 - Peanut butter
 - Jelly
- Saltine crackers
- Canned potatoes
 - Canned fruit
- Treet/Spam—canned meat
 - Vienna sausages
 - Applesauce
- Macaroni and cheese

Please leave items on either side of the pulpit area.

Monetary donations may be given to one of the Elders.

Elders:

Pat Barclay
 Jim Galloway
 Gary Herridge
 Paul Inman
 Stan Inman
 John Life
 Bill Mills
 Ron Riddle
 Dearll Vincent

Deacons:

Joshua Barclay
 Delmas Carr
 Marion Goldsmith
 Leonard Haid
 Brian Haught
 Doug Hershman
 Rob Hoover
 William Hoover
 Kyle Inman
 Scott Johnson
 Todd Kirk
 Paul Saunders
 Dwain Shears
 Keith Smith
 Jeff Taberner
 David Wadlington

Minister:

Dana Slingluff
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Associate**Minister:**

Paul Nygard
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Keith Cowdery is scheduled for surgery
 tomorrow at the Cleveland Clinic.

Please remember him and Peggy in your
 prayers.

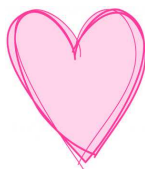
Please keep our church family in your prayers.

Mary Ann Barclay, Keith Cowdery, Hazel Cozad, Patty Dawson, Bob and Lillie
 Fox, Shorty and Gloria Frazier, Zandra Holleron, Jane Pralley, Neil Russell

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Anna Barnes, Gert Barnes (Jo Langler's aunt), Naomi Bowen (Dave Wadlington's
 grandmother) Tisha Beaver (Breck Hesselrode's sister), Lindsey Campbell (Friend of
 Nygard's), Gary Caplinger (Woody Wagoner's step-father), Michael Casto (2 year old
 friend of Cody Young), Max Cowdery (Keith's brother), Ione Dusek (Carrie Nygard's
 mother), Brittany Elliott, Billy Ginter (Sarah Inman's brother), Bill Haid (Len Haid's
 brother), Alice Hale, Wanda Hammett (Patty Sayre's friend), Joann Haddox
 (Daughter of Gwen Lucas), Tammy Hatfield, Denver Haught (Debbie Tallman's
 father), John Lowther, Olivia McFee (Jenny Reynolds neice), Judy Peters (Doug
 Hershman's co-worker), Jackie Roberts (Shannan Hinzman's mother), Susie Smith
 (Kay Stanley's cousin), Earl and Jean Vanosse (Hennen's neighbors), Elaine Vincent
 (Margaret Dawkins' sister-in-law), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White
 (Kay Stanley's aunt)

Please call the office and add/delete names to the Prayer Lists.



Remember our shut-ins and those that have been unable to
 attend services in your prayers and with cards of
 encouragement.

Patty Dawson 2618 29th Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101

Chelsea Doonan 2104 43rd Street, Parkersburg, WV 26104

Shorty and Gloria Frazier 2205 Neal Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101

Zandra Holleron 56 Carr Lane, Mineral Wells, WV 26150

Jane Pralley 3411 Beech Street, Parkersburg, WV 26104

Jenny Reynolds 605 Hill Street, Parkersburg, WV 26104

Neil Russell 204 Edgelawn Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101

John Stevens 76 Blair Avenue, Mineral Wells, WV 26150

Church News & Announcements

PLACED MEMBERSHIP/REQUESTED PRAYERS

We welcome Chris, Patty, David, Dawn and Danielle Mullins to the Camden Avenue family. They have placed their membership with us. Patty is the sister of our Barbara Saunders. They will be in Care Group 1. Their address is 25 Woodshire Court, Parkersburg, WV 26104. Telephone: 304.422.0535 (Please note: Patty's birthday is December 21.) Evan Fleak requested prayers last Sunday. Please continue to pray for him.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 1 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday in the MP Room following Bible classes. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

CD'S AVAILABLE

Free sets of CD's of Tom Butterfield's meeting are on the counter.

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME COIN BANKS

Please return the banks to the office today. A representative will be here this week.

HOLIDAY OUTING

We will be going Saturday, December 7 to the 4:00PM show at the Ohio Valley Opry followed by dinner at the Stockport Mill Restaurant. There are still a few seats available, see Dana for details.

LADIES LUNCH

All ladies are invited to the Parkersburg Country Club Tuesday, December 17 for the holiday lunch. Please sign the sheet on the counter if you plan to attend.

MEMBERS NAME LIST FOR HOLIDAY CARDS

The lists of members for holiday cards are available in the foyers.



IT'S SO PERSONAL

God loves the world. That's true. But it doesn't have quite the same impact as saying, "God loves *me*."

For most of us the supremely important things of life are the personal things, the things that touch *us*. To read of people being shot and killed in the subway concerns us, but if one of the victims turns out to be a family member, "concern" hardly conveys our feelings. Only when it gets personal does it become real.

Rock of Ages cleft for the world! That's as true as could be, but it's not quite the same as saying, "Rock of Ages cleft for *me*." The power comes when it gets personal.

Listen to the testimony of the apostle Paul: "The life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved *me* and gave himself for *me*" (Galatians 2:20). Now that is the real thing!

Christianity as a system of doctrine is beautiful, but it becomes saving and powerful only when it is personal. It's when I can say, "*I* believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God...*I* was buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, *I* too might walk in newness of life...*I* have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer *I* who live, but Christ who lives *me*," that Christianity becomes a real force and power.

Is your life dissatisfying? Does God seem unreal and far away? Maybe it's because you have acquiesced in thought to a form of doctrine, an acquiescence which costs you nothing. You know the truth and the words, but you have missed the power. It's never become personal...nor has it become satisfying.

A new day will dawn when I can say, "*My* Lord, and *my* God."

Sermon Notes



In Dana's absence, Paul Nygard will be preaching both times this Lord's day.

Welcome To Bible Class

Together, We Can Know God Better.

You are encouraged to read ahead to help be ready for Bible class. Here is where we will be, and when.

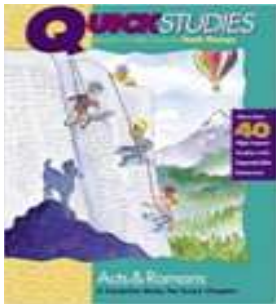
Sunday, Dec 1st: Conduct expected in the new land (Deut 16-22).

Wednesday, Dec 4th: Blessings for obedience, Cursed for disobedience. (Deut 23-29)

Sunday, Dec 8th: Moses' Farewell, Song, and blessing (Deut 30).

There will be no Thursday evening class this week. Enjoy Thanksgiving with your families!

Teacher lesson books are available on the table beside the *Education* bulletin board in the foyer. Please make sure you put your name on the class roster when you get your materials.



There are new class preparation materials in the teacher work room.

Quick Studies for Acts & Romans provides ideas for teachers from fourth grade to High school. Inside you will find reproducible worksheets and some fun classroom activities.

For grades 1-4, check out some of the interesting ways to bring Acts to life through *Creative Story Telling*.

Thank you!

Thank you for the response to the need for teachers to be able to split the 2-3 year old classroom into two classes. We should be able to accomplish this soon and lower the strain on that class.

There is still a need for cradle roll teachers beginning in January. The current teachers have been working hard for a long time and are doing a great job. It would be nice for us all to provide them some time out of the classroom so they too can be spiritually enriched. Will you help?

Congratulations to **Lexi Hoover**! She signed her letter of intent to enroll at Ohio Valley University this fall. She received a sports scholarship. We are happy for her and her parents, Rob and Kathy Hoover, sister, Lizzy, and grandparents, Bill and Sherry Hoover!



YOUTH HOLIDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The children's holiday pancake breakfast will be Saturday, December 7 from 9:00-12:00 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for attendance and food items.

Challenge Youth Conference

Friday—Sunday (February 21-23, 2014)

Gatlinburg, TN

See Paul Saunders for details.



Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP



It's no secret that many couples find the wedding knot to be a slip knot. It's no secret that nearly half of the couples launching onto the sea of matrimony end up sailing into a storm. In many marriages, the difference in courtship and marriage is like the difference between pictures in a seed catalog and what eventually comes up!

Many couples, who could salvage their relationship with a little work, just throw it away. Instead of seeing a marriage counselor, they go to a marriage "canceller." God intends a marriage to be something better than what it has become for many. God tells us that marriage requires a mutual submission of self to the interests of the other. (Ephesians 5:21) The motivation for this kind of "marriage maintenance" must come from the sacred vows that are made.

We have often heard, "Put your money where your mouth is." We would do well to "put our marriages where our mouths were" - on the day we made our vows before God! Husbands and wives pledge their entire lives to each other on their wedding day. God expects us to honor that commitment!!!

This is Gary Herridge with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ where you are always welcome.

Opportunities To Serve Sunday, December 8

ELDER IN CHARGE - Gary Herridge
DEACON IN CHARGE - Doug Hershman

SONG LEADERS

AM—Ethan Ash
PM—Kyle Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Bill Merrill
Close—Ira Kimes
6:00 PM—Scott Smith
Close—Doug Hershman

SCRIPTURE

AM—John Hall
PM—Jim Merrill

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Delmas Carr
PM—Mike Fleak
Ted Miller

PA SYSTEM—Steve Gray

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1—Mike Bayer
2—Wes Cochran
4—Pam Bayer

PM

1. Dustin Hughes & Donovan Walton
2. John & Brandi Hescht
3. Doug & Shannan Hinzman
4. Robin Anthony & Sonya Hescht
5. Jeff & Julie Taberner
6. Keith & Eloise Smith

Facts and Figures

November 24, 2013
AM Service.....306
Bible Study.....238
PM Service.....220
Wednesday.....000
Contribution.....\$6432.00
MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013
Baptisms.....8
Restored or Requested
Prayers.....9
Placed Membership...22

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30
Bible Study.....11:00
PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....11:00AM & 7:00PM



YOU DESERVE A HUG

It's wondrous what a hug can do
A hug can cheer you when you're blue,
A hug can say 'I love you' or
'I really hate to see you go.'
A hug is 'Welcome back again.'
And 'Great to see you! Wherever you've been.'
A hug can soothe a small child's pain
And bring a rainbow after rain.
The hug! There's just no doubt about it—
We scarcely could survive without it!
A hug delights and warms and charms—
It must be why God gave us arms!
Hugs are great for fathers and mothers.
Sweet for sisters—swell for brothers.
And chances are your favorite aunt
Loves them more than potted plants.
Kittens crave them—puppies love them.
Heads of state are not above them.
A hug can break a language barrier and make your
travel so much merrier!
No need to fret about your store of 'em: the more you
give—the more you get of 'em.
So stretch those arms without delay and give
someone a hug today!

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Daily Bible Reading

December 1—I Peter 4, Eze 36-37
December 2—I Peter 5, Eze 38-39
December 3—2 Peter 1, Eze 40-41
December 4—2 Peter 2, Eze 42-44
December 5—2 Peter 3, Eze 45-46
December 6—I John 1, Eze 47-48
December 7—1 John 2, Dan 1-2
December 8—1 John 3, Dan 3-4

Watch "IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"

each Sunday at 7:30AM on
WTAP-TV, Dish Channel 259,
DIRECT channel 364, and
6:30AM on local cable channel 4.

UPCOMING PROGRAM

December 8
THE ORIGIN OF LIFE